

Hubbard Hall COVID-19 Safety Protocols as of 9/4/20

We will be adhering to recommendations from NY State, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the CDC, as well as guidelines released by NY State on June 24, 2020 on the management of indoor and outdoor arts and higher education activities. Any actions we take will be aligned with those recommendations and guidelines. We will adhere to Best Practices whenever possible.

Mask Wearing

- Students of all ages will be required to wear masks throughout programs as well as anyone accompanying students into Hubbard Hall grounds and buildings.
- Hubbard Hall requires all participants to wear masks, dependent on current virus spread and CDC recommendations. Hubbard Hall will provide disposable masks to students who do not bring them.
- Because they will be speaking publicly throughout class, instructors must wear masks during class, before and after, and keeping at least six feet of physical distance at all times.
- If, during dance or movement classes, students need a break from their masks, they should either step outside the building to remove them and take a break or face an open door or window, away from others, to remove their masks and take a brief break to breathe free of the mask.
- If a student or instructor sneezes into their sleeve or hand while masks are removed, the class will pause until everyone takes a break to thoroughly wash their hands. If a student or instructor sneezes openly without covering, the class will be suspended for that hour and the space thoroughly disinfected, and students either waiting outside with supervision or sent home if the program time ends in the meantime.

Check Ins and Check Outs

- For any programs or classes involving students 18 or younger, we will require parents, guardians or authorized chaperones to check them in and out each day in person, in a designated area behind Hubbard Hall.
- We will require the person dropping off the student to check in with our staff each day and to fill out our COVID-19 safety checklist.
- Participants and their guardians (if under age) will be asked to wait in a line at a distance of 6 feet from others.
- Once checked in, students will wait in a designated outdoor waiting area until the instructor or staff are ready to lead them to their class space.
- In addition to any questions or concerns, the staff will ensure that the student has taken home, cleaned, and brought their mask.
- All students will be required to have their temperatures taken before classes each day.
- Staffers and faculty will be required to take a health assessment before reporting to work each day and to check in with management about how they are feeling and how the program is working with physical distancing.

Class Sizes

- We will limit participation in all of our classes, programs, and performances, including:

- No more than ten students in each indoor program, with social distancing of at least six feet at all times, hand washing and mask wearing throughout the program.
- No more than 48 audience members present at any inside performances or events, with proper social distancing of at least six feet between parties (with family, spouses or other quarantined groups able to sit more closely).
- No more than 82 audience members present at any outdoor performances or events, with proper social distancing of at least six feet between parties (with family, spouses or other quarantined groups able to sit more closely). The audience members will be asked to wear masks or other appropriate face covering.

Outdoor Classes and Ventilation

- Gyrokinesis will be held outdoors on the great lawn in the shade, weather permitting. If the weather is poor, class will be canceled. Rain dates will be scheduled as needed.
- Fall student Drama Club programs will be limited to ten students maximum in Hubbard Hall, to allow for social distancing and air circulation.
- Movement and dance classes will be held primarily in the Beacon Feeds Dance Studio, with Advanced Irish in the Freight Depot to allow for distancing.
- Any classes held inside will have windows and doors open as much as possible, with fans running to increase ventilation and follow CDC recommendations for increased ventilation in indoor spaces, even if AC is on.
- Whenever possible, doors in the Hall will be kept open to allow for increased ventilation.

Hand Washing

- We will schedule regular hand washing during programs and classes, with adult learners and students ages 13-18 required to wash hands before and after classes and children ages 5-12 required to wash hands periodically throughout the program.

Space Cleaning and Disinfecting

- All Hubbard Hall spaces will be cleaned before each program day, with a deep mopping of floors and cleaning of surfaces with sanitary wipes and/or hot soapy water, to ensure the cleansing of all surfaces.
- There will be a ten minute break in between classes so that fresh air can circulate into the space and instructors can wipe down any surfaces necessary during the break.

Physical Contact

- Instructors will avoid any and all physical contact with students except in cases of emergency.
- Students will be required to keep six feet of distance from each other, except when specific dance moves or staging requires them to briefly get closer to each other. These moments will be carefully staged and discussed with students ahead of time, masks will be used throughout, and hand sanitizer used before and after.
- If hand contact is required for dancing or staging, students will use hand sanitizer immediately before and after contact.

- Staging of scenes and songs and the playing of games will be adapted to allow for six feet of social distancing.

Performances

- Audiences will be required to pre-register for performances, complete COVID-19 checklist and have their temperatures taken prior to entry.
- Seating will be reserved, with the registered person's name on the reserved section for each party.
- Social distancing of 6' will be enforced.
- A maximum of 48 audience members will be allowed in Hubbard Hall for any indoor performance.
- A space of 8-12' will exist between the front row of audience and the performers.
- Masks will be worn by artists and audiences the entire time inside a Hubbard Hall building, with brief mask breaks outside for artists provided on a regular break schedule. Hubbard Hall will provide disposable masks when needed.
- Participating artists will be required to take a daily health self-assessment to confirm their health prior to rehearsals or performances.
- Any outdoor performances will be limited to 60 people, with social distancing and mask wearing required and distances of six feet between parties clearly marked on the ground as guidelines.
- Actors will wear masks onstage during performances.
- Audiences, house managers and staff will wear masks during performances.
- Social distancing protocols will be enforced in the staging and/or choreography and between the performers and the audience.
- Masks will be worn while singing or playing instruments and there will be no wind or oral instruments.
- Single costumes will be used for performers to limit costume changes and materials.
- Limited use of set pieces or props, with concert performances for the SBA Project (wireless mics, music stands, chairs)
- Social distancing protocols will be enforced in the technical booth at the Stage Manager's calling desk.
- Hubbard Hall staff are responsible for any additional duties regarding COVID-19 policies and procedures.

If for any reason a student becomes ill during the semester, either with COVID-19 or similar symptoms, we will ask that that participant's family alert us so we can alert other students and families. The identity of the student will be kept strictly confidential.